

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

VIRGINIA L. GIUFFRE,

Plaintiff,

v.

ALAN DERSHOWITZ,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-3377 (LAP)

ALAN DERSHOWITZ,

Counterclaim Plaintiff,

v.

VIRGINIA L. GIUFFRE,

Counterclaim Defendant.

SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, VIRGINIA L. GIUFFRE, formerly known as Virginia Roberts, for her Complaint against Defendant, Alan Dershowitz, avers upon personal knowledge as to her own acts and status and upon information and belief and to all other matters:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This suit arises out of Defendant's sexual abuse of Plaintiff, his defamatory statements of and concerning Plaintiff, and his unlawful interception of Plaintiff's communications.

2. During 2000–2002, beginning when Plaintiff was 16, Plaintiff was the victim of sex trafficking and abuse by convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

3. Epstein's trafficking scheme involved recruiting young girls, often by claiming they would be paid \$200 for simply providing a massage to a wealthy billionaire. The young girl would then be brought up to Epstein's bedroom where Epstein would be on a massage table; Epstein would then sexually abuse the girl. This same pattern was repeated numerous times with numerous children.

4. Like other minor children who came before and after her, Plaintiff was initially recruited to provide massages, and thereafter to engage in a variety of sexual acts, for Epstein. Plaintiff was required to be on call for Epstein for sexual purposes and frequently traveled with him both nationally and internationally. Plaintiff was regularly abused by Epstein and was lent out by Epstein to others for sexual purposes.

5. Defendant was Epstein's lawyer, close friend, and co-conspirator, in that Defendant was one of the men to whom Epstein lent out Plaintiff for sex. Between 2000 and 2002, Defendant sexually abused Plaintiff on numerous occasions, including at least once in New York.

6. When Epstein was arrested for sex trafficking in 2006, Defendant defended his friend and client by falsely attacking the truthfulness of his accusers, including calling the children whom Epstein had abused liars and prostitutes.

7. Despite his significant criminal activity, Epstein's criminal charges were resolved by a guilty plea to a single Florida state law charge and a non-prosecution agreement ("NPA") with the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida. Unknown to the public and the victims at the time, Epstein's lawyers, including Defendant, were pressuring the Government to commit to the NPA without informing the victims. Epstein's multiple victims, including Plaintiff, were kept in the dark while Defendant participated in the drafting of the NPA and worked to protect Epstein and other "potential co-conspirators" (including himself) from prosecution.

8. On July 7, 2008, a challenge to the NPA was brought on behalf of two of Epstein's victims (not including Plaintiff) based on the fact that the NPA had been concealed from Epstein's victims.

9. In December 2014, Plaintiff, who had not initially been part of the CVRA action, was asked to, and did, provide information to plaintiffs' lawyers in the CVRA case in which she discussed her sex trafficking by Epstein. On December 31, 2014, Plaintiff's lawyers in the CVRA proceeding (Brad Edwards and Paul Cassell) filed a Motion Pursuant to Rule 21 for Joinder in the Action ("Joinder Motion") on behalf of Plaintiff. Plaintiff's joinder motion described how she had been sexually trafficked by Jeffrey Epstein and was forced to have sex with, among others, Defendant.

10. Based on Plaintiff's December 2014 filing, Defendant, as he had previously done to Epstein's victims, publicly and viciously attacked Plaintiff's lawyers in the CVRA actions,

Brad Edwards and Paul Cassell. Defendant, in nationally televised news interviews, wrongfully claimed that Edwards and Cassell had engaged in unethical behavior warranting disbarment for filing the Joinder Motion that described Defendant's involvement with Epstein and Plaintiff. Edwards, who is a prominent lawyer for sexually abused women and children, and Cassell, who is a former United States District Court judge who left the bench to advocate for crime victims, sued Defendant for defamation. Edwards and Cassell asserted that the factual allegations that Defendant had knowledge of and participated in Epstein's criminal conduct were entirely proper and well founded and that Defendant's statements about Edwards and Cassell were defamatory.

11. In April 2016, Defendant settled the Edwards and Cassell defamation claims against him. As a condition of the settlement, Defendant required that the financial terms of the settlement be kept confidential.

12. In November 2018, after conducting a lengthy investigation that involved interviewing over eighty (80) women, the *Miami Herald* published the first in a series of articles exposing how Epstein and his lawyers had corrupted the legal system to obtain the NPA and referring to Defendant's sexual abuse of Plaintiff. Defendant's response has been a desperate barrage of false and increasingly defamatory attacks on Plaintiff. The purpose and effect of these attacks has been to damage Plaintiff's reputation and credibility and to try to intimidate her into silence.

13. Defendant's central assertion is that Plaintiff has committed perjury by accusing Defendant of having sex with Plaintiff, and that in December 2014, Plaintiff and her lawyers hatched a scheme to falsely accuse Defendant as part of a criminal attempt to extort a settlement from another party; namely, Leslie Wexner.

14. As Defendant well knew, Defendant's assertion was false. Defendant knew that he had in fact had sex with Plaintiff. Defendant also knew that Plaintiff's assertions about Defendant were not part of any criminal extortion plot. Indeed, Plaintiff had identified Defendant as a sexual predator years before December 2014.

15. Defendant's knowledge of the falsity of his attacks on Plaintiff have not, however, limited the scope or scale of those attacks.

16. Examples of Defendant's knowingly false and malicious defamatory statements are:

(a) November 28, 2018, in an interview with the *Miami Herald*: Referring to Plaintiff's accusations against him, "the story was 100 percent flatly categorically made-up."¹

(b) December 1, 2018, in a letter to the editor of *Raw Story*: "I never met Roberts; I never had sex with her; she simply made up the entire story for money."²

(c) December 2, 2018, in a letter to the editor of the *Miami Herald*: "I was 'deliberately framed for financial reasons'; Plaintiff made her claims about Defendant "in order to obtain money from a wealthy businessman"; "I never met Roberts; I never had sex with her; she simply made up the entire story for money."³

¹ Julie K. Brown, *Even from jail, sex abuser manipulated the system. His victims were kept in the dark*, MIAMI HERALD (Nov. 28, 2018), <https://tinyurl.com/y2y76h9f>.

² *Letter to the Editor: Alan Dershowitz responds to Raw Story report*, RAW STORY (Dec. 1, 2018), <https://bit.ly/35P6ust>.

³ Alan Dershowitz, *Letter to the Editor 'I never had sex with Virginia Roberts'*, MIAMI HERALD (Dec. 2, 2018), <https://tinyurl.com/5avktr2m>.

(d) December 4, 2018, in an interview on the Law & Crime Network: “I can prove conclusively that she made the whole thing up. . . . Never met her, don’t know who she is, never heard of her.”⁴

(e) December 5, 2018, in a letter to the editor of *The Harvard Crimson*: “Roberts made up the accusation out of whole cloth in order to obtain millions of dollars from Leslie Wexner,” and “I was ‘deliberately framed for financial reasons.’”⁵

(f) March 2, 2019, on Twitter: “My perjuring accusers are Virginia Roberts and Sarah Ransomme [sic].”⁶

(g) April 16, 2019, in an interview with *The Daily Mail*: “They [FBI agents] just have to walk down the block from the New York FBI headquarters, sit in on the trial and they will hear perjury being committed in their presence in a Federal court. The result will be [Plaintiff] will be prosecuted for perjury. This is a Federal crime being committed in a Federal courthouse. . . . This is an opportunity for me finally to have a judicial forum to prove that she made up the whole story”⁷

(h) July 5, 2019, on Twitter: Materials unsealed by the Second Circuit “prove that my false accuser—who I never even met—was told to include me in her manuscript describing her alleged sexual encounters, in order to help her market her book, despite her admitted knowledge of my total innocence. . . . When the

⁴ Ronn Blitzer, *Dershowitz Goes Off on Woman Who Made Underage Sex Allegations: ‘She Should Be Seriously Punished’*, LAW & CRIME (Dec. 4, 2018), <https://bit.ly/2EASaYl>.

⁵ Alan M. Dershowitz, *Letter to the Editor: Article Misrepresented Dershowitz*, THE HARVARD CRIMSON (Dec. 5, 2018), <https://bit.ly/2S8ISe5>.

⁶ Alan Dershowitz (@AlanDersh), TWITTER (Mar. 2, 2019, 9:42 PM), <https://bit.ly/35Gq0Hd>.

⁷ Ben Ashford & Cheyenne Roundtree, *EXCLUSIVE: Defiant Alan Dershowitz brands Virginia Roberts a ‘fake MeToo victim’ as she files defamation suit claiming the lawyer who defended pedophile Jeffrey Epstein had underage sex with her and repeatedly called her a liar*, DAILYMAIL.COM (Apr. 16, 2019), <https://dailym.ai/2ScPyrF>.

materials are unsealed , [sic] the public will see the evidence in my accuser's own words that . . . prove I was framed for financial reasons & that I'm totally innocent, as I've consistently asserted since the day I was falsely accused.”⁸

(i) July 12, 2019, on Fox News: “Let me repeat categorically, she made up the whole story. I never met this woman. It was part of an extortion plot to obtain a billion dollars from Leslie Wexner.”⁹

(j) July 15, 2019, on NPR: “She made up the whole story out of whole cloth for financial reasons. The goal was to try to get a billion dollars from Leslie Wexner. The plan was to accuse me in public and then accuse Leslie Wexner in private of the identical conduct and say to him, essentially, if you don't want to have happen to you what happened to Dershowitz, there are ways of resolving it.”¹⁰

(k) July 18, 2019, on Newsmax TV: “All the women who have accused me started to commit their perjury only after they met David Boies. In other words, in every case, the woman said, ‘I didn't have anything to do with Dershowitz. I never met him or had no association with him.’ And then they meet David Boies, and suddenly they make accusations. There's a term for that, and I want the federal government to be examining whether Boies is guilty of subornation of perjury. I want the federal government to examine whether Boies is guilty of extortion, of trying to get a billion dollars from Leslie Wexner by essentially saying to Wexner

⁸ Alan Dershowitz (@AlanDersh), TWITTER (Jul. 5, 2019, 9:50 AM), <https://bit.ly/2EE9HyI>.

⁹ The Ingraham Angle, *Alan Dershowitz responds to Epstein accuser's defamation suit, sexual assault allegations*, FOX NEWS at 00:28–00:40 (Jul. 12, 2019), <https://bit.ly/35GIQ0Z>.

¹⁰ Transcript: Alan Dershowitz Denies Epstein Rape Accusations And Defends Role In Sweetheart Deal, NPR (July 15, 2019), <https://n.pr/2PYsv0U>.

privately, if you don't want to have happen to you what happened to Alan Dershowitz in public, there are ways of resolving this.”¹¹

(l) July 19, 2019, on Fox News: “Each of the two accusers had said I didn't do it, and then they met David Boies, and he changed their minds. So they committed perjury after meeting David Boies. There's no coincidence about that.”¹²

(m) July 19, 2019, in an interview with *New York Magazine*: “I know that I am a victim of a serious crime, a crime of perjury.”¹³

(n) August 10, 2019, on Fox News:¹⁴

i. “She told her best friend she didn't want to name me because I was innocent but she was pressured to do it by her lawyer because she saw a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. She is a complete and total liar.”

ii. “I can tell you she is totally fantasizing about me. She's made up the whole story. There is no truth to it.”

(o) August 12, 2019, in a press statement issued after the Second Circuit's ruling in *Giuffre v. Maxwell*: “She invented the false accusation against me only in 2014, when her lawyers ‘pressured’ her to do so for financial reasons.”¹⁵

¹¹ Newsmax TV, *Alan Dershowitz Discusses Relationship with Jeffrey Epstein*, YOUTUBE at 4:05–4:46 (July 18, 2019), <https://bit.ly/2PEMenA>.

¹² The Ingraham Angle, *Dershowitz: Accusers said I didn't do it until David Boies changed their minds*, FOX NEWS at 1:03–1:17 (Jul. 19, 2019), <https://bit.ly/2EEb4gQ>.

¹³ Andrew Rice, *Alan Dershowitz Cannot Stop Talking*, NY MAGAZINE (Jul. 19, 2019), <https://nym.ag/2Q2f6oJ>.

¹⁴ The Ingraham Angle, *Alan Dershowitz responds to new allegations from Epstein case*, FOX NEWS at 1:20–1:32, 2:06–2:14 (Aug. 10, 2019), <https://bit.ly/38TIV3r>.

¹⁵ David A. Patten, *Dershowitz: New Documents ‘Categorically Prove’ No Epstein-Related Sex*, NEWSMAX (Aug. 12, 2019), <https://bit.ly/2S0OXeH>.

(p) August 30, 2019, on NewsmaxTV:¹⁶ “[A]s soon as [Plaintiff] met David Boies and the other lawyers, suddenly she remembered having had sex with me. It’s totally made up. I never met her.”

(q) October 19, 2019, on Twitter: “I will prove that Giuffre never falsely claimed to have had sex w/ me until she was pressured by her lawyers. I will also prove I never met her and she invented the entire story for money.”¹⁷

(r) November 16, 2019, on BBC Radio: “She is lying about me. . . . I am the victim of her perjury.”¹⁸

(s) November 19, 2019, in *Guilt by Accusation: The Challenge of Proving Innocence in the Age of #MeToo*:¹⁹

i. “I am the victim here—the victim of a deliberate frame-up motivated by money.” (1–2)

ii. “[T]he decision to accuse me in public, while accusing others in private, was part of a carefully calculated shakedown plot to get money from a wealthy individual who was not publicly named—at least not yet.” (21)

iii. “After meeting with her lawyers—and ‘feeling pressure’ from them—Giuffre suddenly ‘remembers’ having sex with me seven times between 2001 and 2002 (when she was 18 and 19).” (45)

(t) December 8, 2019, on Fox News: “This is all part of an extortion plot against Leslie Wexner. . . . The plot was to accuse me publicly[,] and then privately

¹⁶ Newsmax TV, *Alan Dershowitz Denies Claims from Epstein Accuser*, YouTube at 0:50–0:58 (Aug. 30, 2019), <https://bit.ly/2s3vLjQ>.

¹⁷ Alan Dershowitz (@AlanDersh), TWITTER (Oct. 19, 2019, 12:15 PM), <https://bit.ly/2Z5VqV2>.

¹⁸ *BBC Radio Broadcast 16/11/2019*, BBC RADIO 4 (Nov. 16, 2019) (transcript of audio on file with counsel).

¹⁹ ALAN DERSHOWITZ, *GUILT BY ACCUSATION: THE CHALLENGE OF PROVING INNOCENCE IN THE AGE OF #MeToo* (2019).

go to Leslie Wexner, which they did, and essentially say to him, ‘look, if you don’t want to have happen to you what happened to Dershowitz, there are ways of resolving this.’”²⁰

(u) January 7, 2020, on 90.8 WBUR Radio: “This is the story of a woman who from the beginning made it up out of whole cloth in order to earn money.”²¹

(v) January 29, 2020, on The View: “I am awaiting a trial where I will prove that I was framed for money and that I am completely vindicated.”²²

(w) June 22, 2020, on Twitter:

i. “[T]he woman who made up the false accusation against me . . . should be prosecuted and sent to prison.”²³

ii. “My perjuring accuser acknowledges in emails and a manuscript that she never met me.”²⁴

(x) July 3, 2020, in an article in *The Spectator*: “She admitted to her best friend that she was pressured to falsely accuse me by her lawyers who were trying to secure a billion-dollar settlement from Leslie Wexner.”²⁵

(y) June 25, 2020, on N12 Israeli News: Referring to Plaintiff’s accusations against him “[i]t’s a total lie. . . . I never met her, I never saw her, I never heard of her.”²⁶

²⁰Transcript from Life, Liberty & Levin, *Alan Dershowitz says it would be unconstitutional for President Trump to be impeached by current inquiry*, FOXNEWS (Dec. 8, 2019), <https://fxn.ws/3xgi6me>.

²¹ Jeremy Hobson, *Attorney Dershowitz Says Targeting Soleimani Was Constitutional, But Impeachment Is Not*, WBUR (Jan. 7, 2020), <https://wbur.fm/3xn9ISa>.

²² Lindsey Ellefson, *Alan Dershowitz: ‘I Have Nothing to Hide’ Related to Jeffrey Epstein Accusations*, THE WRAP (Jan. 29, 2020), <https://bit.ly/3njY0CX>.

²³ Alan Dershowitz (@AlanDersh), TWITTER (Jun. 22, 2020, 7:18 PM), <https://bit.ly/3xm6yOv>.

²⁴ Alan Dershowitz (@AlanDersh), TWITTER (Jun. 22, 2020, 3:54 PM), <https://bit.ly/3vkPNBv>.

²⁵ Alan Dershowitz, *The Ghislaine Maxwell I know*, SPECTATOR USA (July 3, 2020), <https://bit.ly/2QkSWT0>.

²⁶ TOI Staff, *Dershowitz says he’s suing Netflix over sexual allegations in Epstein series*, THE TIMES OF ISRAEL (June 25, 2020), <https://bit.ly/3xhrlnr>.

(z) July 6, 2020, on Newsmax: “I am not going to be satisfied until Virginia Giuffre goes to prison for . . . falsely accusing me.”²⁷

(aa) July 16, 2020, on Jerusalem Post/i24News:

i. “And I presented [Netflix] with all the evidence—her best friend’s tape recorded statement that she was pressured into falsely accusing me by her lawyers in order to get a billion dollars from Leslie Wexner, a shake down plot.”²⁸

ii. “I have been falsely accused. . . . She made up the story out of whole cloth.”²⁹

iii. “She admitted to her best friend she was pressured into falsely accusing me to make money off Leslie Wexner. One billion dollars.”³⁰

(bb) August 1, 2020, in Jerusalem Post: “I end this article with a categorical statement: I never met my false accusers. . . . They are lying for money. No one should believe them.”³¹

(cc) August 7, 2020, on WGBH Beat the Press:

i. Referring to Plaintiff’s accusations against him, “I am the victim here. I am a victim of a false accusation. I never met this woman. I’d never heard of her. We have tapes with her best friend, perfectly hearable, in

²⁷ Solange Reyner, *Alan Dershowitz to Newsmax TV: Challenging Legal Issues in Case Against Ghislaine Maxwell*, NEWSMAX at 6:02–6:10 (July 6, 2020), <https://bit.ly/3epikyJ>.

²⁸ i24NEWS English, *Alan Dershowitz: False Accusations Damage My Advocacy for Israel*, YOUTUBE at 2:13–2:28 (July 16, 2020), <https://bit.ly/32HJ4W0>.

²⁹ *Id.* at 4:18–4:31.

³⁰ *Id.* at 8:47–8:55.

³¹ Alan Dershowitz, *How ‘The New Yorker’ conducted journalistic assassinations*, THE JERUSALEM POST (Aug. 1, 2019), <https://bit.ly/2Ph4zd3>.

where she says that she was pressured to falsely accuse me in order to get a billion dollars out of Leslie Wexner.”³²

ii. “One of us is committing perjury, and it’s she who is committing perjury.”³³

(dd) August 17, 2020, in Harvard Political review: “[A] woman who I never met in my life falsely accused me of having sex with her.”³⁴

(ee) October 12, 2020, to Israel Hayom: “This was a deliberate, willful conspiracy by a group of sleazy lawyers, unethical lawyers, and a client willing to lie to make money, to destroy my reputation.”³⁵

(ff) October 14, 2020, on the Megyn Kelly Show: “[T]he woman who accused me, I never met her, I had never heard of her. . . . And she told her best friend that she was pressured into falsely accusing me as the result of pressure from her lawyers to try to get a billion dollars from Leslie Wexner.”³⁶

(gg) October 21, 2020, on the Dershow Podcast:

i. “I’m a victim of a plot, a deliberate plot to falsely accuse me for money.”³⁷

ii. “I wanted to disprove the allegations and make it clear to the world that I am the victim of a false accusation, the victim of an extortion plot, . . .

³² Beat the Press, *Alan Dershowitz: Reporters Are Holding Back Evidence I’m Innocent Of Epstein Sexual Misconduct*, YOUTUBE at 4:01–18 (Aug. 7, 2020), <https://bit.ly/2QsN89N>.

³³ *Id.* at 5:02–5:07.

³⁴ Jack Taylor, *An Interview with Alan Dershowitz*, HARVARD POLITICAL REVIEW (Aug. 18, 2020), <https://bit.ly/3gE12Rd>.

³⁵ Naama Lanski, *Dershowitz’s war for the truth*, ISRAEL HAYOM (Oct. 12, 2020), <https://bit.ly/3tYwvlb>.

³⁶ The Megyn Kelly Show, *Alan Dershowitz on SCOTUS, Epstein, and OJ Ep. 10*, GOOGLE PODCASTS at 54:28–54:56 (Oct. 14, 2020), <https://bit.ly/3dLiD7T>.

³⁷ The Dershow, *Megyn Kelly says I should stop defending myself from false accusations. What do you think?*, ART19 at 4:03–4:11 (Oct. 21, 2020), <https://bit.ly/3xkbN1a>.

that [her] lawyers got together and pressured this woman into falsely accusing me. I want to see the lawyers indicted and sent to prison. I want to see the woman indicted and sent to prison for perjury.”³⁸

17. In addition to these examples, Defendant has made other public statements accusing Plaintiff of lying about having sex with him as part of a criminal plot to extort money from Leslie Wexner.

18. Defendant knew his assertions about Plaintiff, including his assertions referenced in paragraph 16 above, were, and would be taken by persons who read and heard them to be, specific statements of fact.

19. Defendant has repeatedly, publicly claimed that he wanted to have a trial that would determine the facts concerning his conduct. He said on national television that he would waive the statute of limitations so that Plaintiff could sue him for sex abuse. However, when Plaintiff’s lawyer asked Defendant to do so, Defendant refused—and continues to refuse.

20. When Defendant was faced with an actual case brought by Plaintiff’s then-lawyers Edwards and Cassell, which would have determined the veracity of Plaintiff’s claims, however, Defendant settled to avoid that determination.

21. More recently, Defendant has again taken to claiming publicly that he demands a trial on the question whether Plaintiff committed perjury and made up her statements about him for money. For example, on March 2, 2019: My “accusers are Virginia Roberts and Sarah Ransomme [sic]. . . . I hereby accuse my false accusers of committing the felony of perjury and challenge them to sue me for defamation.”

22. Defendant now has what he claims to have been looking for.

³⁸ *Id.* at 2:43–3:11.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

23. This is an action for damages in an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of this Court.

24. This Court has jurisdiction over this dispute pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question jurisdiction) and 28 U.S.C. § 1367 (supplemental jurisdiction) because one claim in this action arises under the laws of the United States, and the remaining claims are so related to the claim within this Court's original jurisdiction that they form part of the same case or controversy under Article III of the United States Constitution. This Court also has jurisdiction over this dispute pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332 (diversity jurisdiction), in that Plaintiff and Defendant are citizens of different states, and the amount in controversy exceeds seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), exclusive of interest and costs.

25. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant. Defendant resides in New York City; Defendant conducts regular business in New York City; and this action arose, defamatory statements were made, and abuse occurred, within the Southern District of New York.

26. Venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because (1) Defendant resides within this District, and (2) a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to Plaintiff's claims occurred within this District.

PARTIES

27. Plaintiff Virginia L. Giuffre is an individual who at the time this action commenced was a citizen of the State of Colorado.

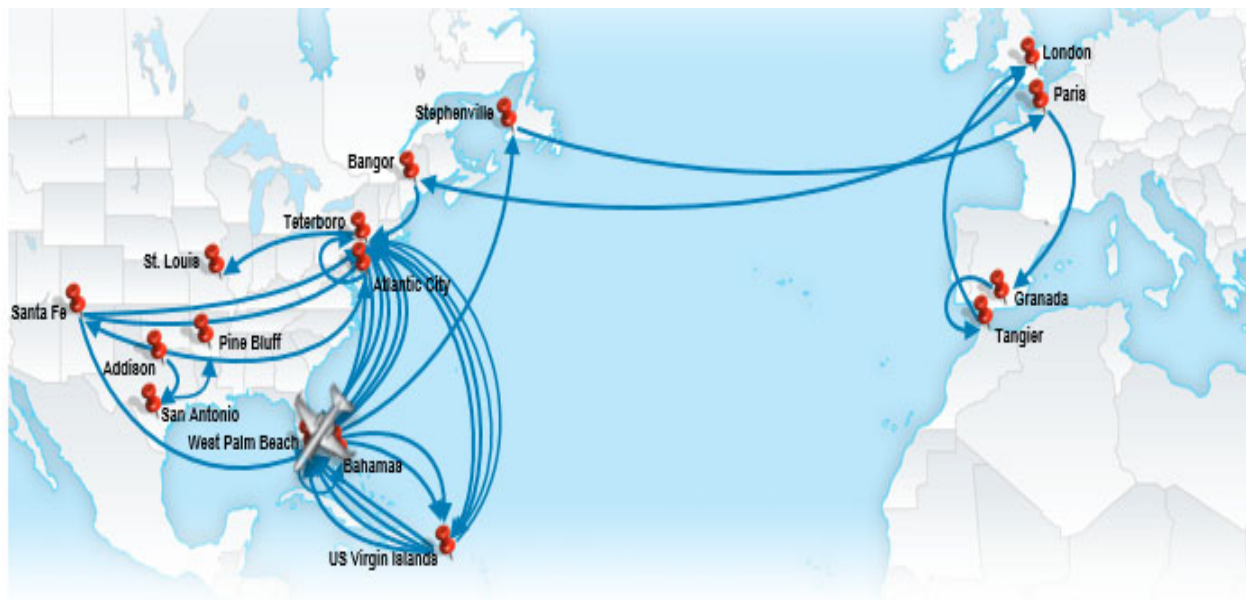
28. On information and belief, Defendant Alan Dershowitz is an individual who is a citizen of the State of New York and resides in the Southern District of New York at 2 Tudor City Place Apt. 10EN, New York, New York 10017.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. Epstein's Sex Trafficking Enterprise

29. Plaintiff became a victim of sex trafficking and repeated sexual abuse after being recruited by Ghislaine Maxwell and Jeffrey Epstein when Plaintiff was under the age of eighteen.

30. Between 2000 and 2002, Epstein sexually abused Plaintiff at numerous locations including his mansions in West Palm Beach, Florida, New Mexico, the Virgin Islands, and this District. Epstein also flew Plaintiff on his plane nationally and internationally numerous times when she was under the age of 18. Only portions of the flight logs of Epstein's private planes are yet known, and Epstein also flew Plaintiff frequently on commercial airlines to meet him and others. However, the chart below, which shows Plaintiff's flights on Epstein's private plane from the limited logs that are available, illustrates the international scope of Epstein's sex trafficking.



31. Between 1999 and 2007, Epstein sexually abused more than thirty (30) minor underage girls, a fact confirmed by state and federal law enforcement.

32. After years of abuse, Epstein sent Plaintiff to Thailand in September 2002. One of Plaintiff's assignments from Epstein was to bring a young girl back to Epstein in the United States. While in Thailand, Plaintiff met, fell in love with, and married her husband, Robert Giuffre. Fearing for her life, and not wanting to subject another young girl to the abuse she was forced to endure, Plaintiff fled from Thailand to her husband's home in Australia to escape from Epstein.

B. Defendant's Role with Epstein and Abuse of Plaintiff

33. Defendant has been "a close friend of Mr. Epstein" for many years. In 2003, Defendant said "I'm on my 20th book . . . The only person outside of my immediate family that I send drafts to is Jeffrey." Vicky Ward, *The Talented Mr. Epstein*, VANITY FAIR (Mar. 1, 2003), <https://bit.ly/2S9MzQU>. Defendant also described Epstein as his friend. "I would be as interested in him [Epstein] as a friend if we had hamburgers on the boardwalk in Coney Island and talked about his ideas." Ray Gustini, *Vanity Fair Reminds Us When Jeffrey Epstein Wasn't a Creep*, THE ATLANTIC (June 21, 2011), <https://bit.ly/38ZwHGK>. Defendant frequently traveled with Epstein, including on Epstein's private plane. In addition, Epstein's employees have confirmed that Defendant visited Epstein's Palm Beach and New York City mansions often, would stay overnight, and was present when the victims of Epstein's sex trafficking were there. Defendant also visited Epstein's other homes.

34. In addition to their close friendship, Defendant represented Epstein as his lawyer. On or about December 2, 2018, Defendant stated that he was still Epstein's lawyer.

35. During the time period that Plaintiff was being trafficked by Epstein, she was forced to have sex with Defendant. Plaintiff was forced to engage in sexual acts with Defendant in various locations.

36. On one such occasion, in late 2000 or early 2001, Defendant sexually assaulted Plaintiff at Epstein's mansion located at 9 East 71st Street, New York, New York 10021.

37. At the time of the incident, Plaintiff was under the age of 18. Epstein had taken her from her home, family, and friends in Palm Beach, Florida, and flown her to New York, New York, where he repeatedly sexually abused her. In the weeks immediately prior to the incident, Defendant had met Plaintiff in circumstances that would have put a reasonable person on notice that she was being sexually trafficked.

38. Defendant entered Epstein's bedroom immediately after one incident of abuse by Epstein, while Plaintiff was alone and unclothed. Without obtaining her consent to the contact, he proceeded to engage in sexual intercourse with her.

39. As Defendant knew, Plaintiff did not consent to the sexual intercourse but rather was under the coercive influence of Epstein and/or his enablers, including Ghislaine Maxwell.

C. The Arrest and Prosecution of Epstein

40. Epstein ultimately pleaded guilty to procuring a minor for prostitution and was a registered sex offender until his death on August 10, 2019.

41. In September 2007, while Defendant was representing him, Epstein entered into a Non-Prosecution Agreement ("NPA") in which the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida agreed not to prosecute Epstein for numerous federal sex crimes committed in that District.

42. In the NPA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida additionally agreed that it would not institute any federal criminal charges against any potential co-conspirators of Epstein.

43. Epstein flippantly referred to his sexual abuse of multiple minors, and the slap on the wrist he had received for it, in a 2011 interview with the New York Post: “Billionaire pervert Jeffrey Epstein is back in New York City—and making wisecracks about his just-ended jail stint for having sex with an underage girl. ‘I’m not a sexual predator, I’m an ‘offender,’” the financier told The Post yesterday. ‘It’s the difference between a murderer and a person who steals a bagel,’ said Epstein.” See Amber Sutherland, *Billionaire Jeffrey Epstein: I’m a Sex Offender, Not A Predator*, NEW YORK POST (Feb. 25, 2011), <https://bit.ly/2s3ebwk>.

D. The Criminal Victims’ Rights Act Proceeding

44. Rather than confer with the victims about the NPA, the U.S. Attorney’s Office and Epstein, who was represented by Defendant at that time, agreed to a “confidentiality” provision in the Agreement barring its disclosure to anyone—including Epstein’s victims. As a consequence, the victims were not told about the NPA.

45. The NPA extended immunity to any “potential co-conspirator of Epstein.”

46. On July 7, 2008, a young woman identified as Jane Doe No. 1, one of Jeffrey Epstein’s victims (other than Plaintiff), filed a petition to enforce her rights under the Crime Victims’ Rights Act (“CVRA”), 18 U.S.C. § 3771, alleging that the Government failed to provide her the rights promised in the CVRA with regard to the plea arrangement with Epstein.

47. Ultimately, as a mother and one of Epstein’s many victims, Plaintiff concluded that she should speak out about her sexual abuse experiences in hopes of helping others who had

also suffered from sexual trafficking and abuse, and of possibly protecting future potential victims.

48. On December 30, 2014, Plaintiff filed a motion to intervene in the CVRA action. In it, she identified Defendant as one of the men to whom Epstein had trafficked her.

E. Victims Refuse Silence

49. On December 23, 2014, Plaintiff incorporated an organization called Victims Refuse Silence, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation.

50. Plaintiff intended Victims Refuse Silence to change and improve the fight against sexual abuse and human trafficking. The goal of her organization was, and continues to be, to help survivors surmount the shame, silence, and intimidation typically experienced by victims of sexual abuse and to help others to escape becoming victims of sex trafficking.

F. Defendant Acted Maliciously to Defame, Discredit, and Intimidate Plaintiff

51. Defendant made his false and defamatory statements as set forth above in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, in a deliberate effort to maliciously discredit Plaintiff and silence her efforts to expose his participation in her sexual abuse. Defendant did so with the purpose and effect of having others repeat such false and defamatory statements and thereby further damaged Plaintiff's reputation. Defendant knew his statements were false.

52. Defendant intended his false and defamatory statements set out above to be broadcast around the world and to intimidate and silence Plaintiff from making further efforts to expose his sexual abuse of her.

53. Defendant intended his false statements to be specific statements of fact. Defendant's false statements were, as he intended, broadcast around the world and were reasonably understood by those who heard them to be specific factual claims by Defendant that

he had not had sex with Plaintiff, that Plaintiff was intentionally lying about having sex with Defendant, that Plaintiff committed the crime of perjury by intentionally lying under oath about having sex with Defendant, that Plaintiff had committed the crime of extortion, and that Plaintiff had intentionally fabricated her assertions about Defendant to extort money from Leslie Wexner.

G. Defendant's Lies

54. From the beginning, Defendant has sought to hide his sexual abuse of Plaintiff behind a curtain of lies. In response to Plaintiff's description of Defendant's participation in Epstein's sexual abuse of Plaintiff, Defendant began a series of intentional, outright lies designed to distance himself from Epstein, to cover up his own sexual abuse of Plaintiff, and to discredit Plaintiff and intimidate her into silence.

55. Defendant's repeated lies are compelling evidence both of his lack of credibility and his guilt. Only a person seeking to conceal improper conduct would have engaged in the pattern of lies which has characterized Defendant's statements since his sex trafficking was revealed.

56. In an attempt to conceal his relationship with Epstein, Defendant in January 2015 asserted that "[m]y relationship with him was entirely professional. It is a total bum rap to say that I . . . was 'chummy' with him." That was a lie, as Defendant knew (*see, e.g.*, paragraphs 33–34).

57. Both to conceal Defendant's relationship with Epstein and to discredit Plaintiff, Defendant has repeatedly asserted that he was not at Epstein's residence in Palm Beach at all during the period when Plaintiff was trafficked. However, Juan Alessi, a long time Epstein household employee whose tenure with Epstein included the period of Plaintiff's trafficking, has confirmed that Defendant visited Epstein "pretty often. I would say at least four or five times a

year” and that he would “typically” stay two or three days. Similarly, Alfredo Rodriguez, who worked for Epstein in Palm Beach approximately only six months several years later, confirmed that during that six-month period, Defendant visited Epstein twice.

58. Again, both to conceal his relationship with Epstein and to discredit Plaintiff, Defendant has repeatedly asserted that he was never in Epstein’s residence in the presence of young women. As Defendant knows, that assertion was also false. As Mr. Rodriguez has confirmed, there were “also young ladies in the house at the time he [Defendant] was there.” Mr. Rodriguez also confirmed that “Mr. Dershowitz was there” when “women came to Mr. Epstein’s home to give a massage.” Mr. Rodriguez also confirmed that “Alan Dershowitz was at the house” with “the local Palm Beach girls” whom he was “told to call masseuses,” although he did not himself know whether Dershowitz personally received a massage.

59. Again, both to conceal his relationship with Epstein and to discredit Plaintiff, Defendant has repeatedly asserted that he has records that prove that it would have been “impossible” for him to be with Plaintiff because he was never in the same place and time as Plaintiff. As Defendant knew, that too was a lie. The testimony of Epstein’s household staff establishes that Defendant was repeatedly present at Epstein’s residence. Even Defendant’s own selected, incomplete, and apparently revised, records demonstrate that Defendant was present at locations where Plaintiff was with Epstein.

60. Defendant’s assertion that Plaintiff, in concert with her lawyers, fabricated allegations against him in late 2014 is not only false, as Defendant knows, but thoroughly disproved by the record.

61. Plaintiff had truthfully identified Defendant as a participant in her sexual abuse at the time it occurred. She did so again in 2009. In 2010, Epstein’s enablers were repeatedly asked about Defendant. For example:

- (a) Adriana Ross refused to answer on Fifth Amendment grounds whether “Alan Dershowitz stays at Jeffrey Epstein’s house . . . when underage minor females have been in the bedroom with Jeffrey Epstein”.
- (b) Nadia Marcinkova refused to answer on Fifth Amendment grounds: “Alan Dershowitz is also somebody that you also know to have been at the house when L.M. was being sexually abused in Jeffrey Epstein’s bedroom, correct?”

62. In 2011, lawyers for Edwards wrote Defendant:

- (a) On August 23, 2011: “We...have reason to believe that you have personally observed Jeffrey Epstein in the presence of underage females.”
- (b) On September 7, 2011: “Multiple individuals have placed you in the presence of Jeffrey Epstein on multiple occasions and in various locations when Jeffrey Epstein was in the company of underage females subsequently identified as victims of Mr. Epstein’s criminal molestations.”

63. Defendant lied and stated that he had never flown on Epstein’s plane with a young woman and always flew with his wife. *See* Hala Gorani, *Alan Dershowitz: Lawsuit claims ‘utterly untrue’*, CNN (Jan. 5, 2015), <https://cnn.it/2SbaAXU>. However, even the limited publicly available flight logs of Epstein’s private plane demonstrate that Defendant flew often on Epstein’s planes without his wife; with young women, including a Victoria’s Secret model; with Epstein’s co-conspirator and procurer Ghislaine Maxwell, who has now been indicted on sex

trafficking and perjury charges; and with Sarah Kellen, who was identified by the Government as Epstein's co-conspirator in his sex-trafficking.

64. Defendant also lied by saying that he "never" got a massage from anybody: "I never got a massage from anybody. It's made up out of whole cloth." Dareh Gregorian, *Alleged 'sex slave' Virginia Roberts says she didn't have sex with former President Bill Clinton, but in explosive court filing, details 11-person orgy with Prince Andrew and others*, NY DAILY NEWS (Jan. 21, 2015), <https://bit.ly/2Z3gX0K>. However, after it was revealed that Epstein's household staff identified Defendant as one of the recipients of "massages" at Epstein's Palm Beach mansion, Defendant changed his story and admitted he got a massage at Epstein's Palm Beach home but claimed: **"I kept my underwear on during the massage."** Bob Norman, *Alan Dershowitz: 'Sex slave' accuser is serial liar, prostitute*, LOCAL 10 NEWS (Jan. 22, 2015), <https://bit.ly/36YraOR>.

65. Defendant lied and said he never saw any naked pictures of females in Epstein's Palm Beach home during his many visits, yet the police footage that was obtained from the search of Epstein's home proves that there were naked pictures of females throughout the home, including in the common areas.

H. Defendant's Conspiracy Theory

66. In a desperate attempt to deflect attention from his own misconduct, Defendant fabricated an extortion plot by Plaintiff and her lawyers. Defendant falsely told the media that he was being used by Plaintiff and her lawyers as a pawn to extort money from a billionaire business mogul and colleague of Epstein, Leslie Wexner. Defendant claims that he was framed in order to send a message to the billionaire that this is what would happen to Mr. Wexner if the billionaire did not pay Plaintiff and her lawyers. As Defendant knew:

- (a) No complaint was ever made against Mr. Wexner.
- (b) No money was either paid by or demanded from Mr. Wexner.
- (c) There was no such extortion plot.

67. Defendant also falsely claimed that Plaintiff's lawyer had told him that he had concluded that Plaintiff was "wrong" and "simply wrong" in accusing Defendant. Defendant, in violation of the canons of ethics and in at least one case in violation of federal and state law, surreptitiously tape-recorded confidential settlement negotiations in which he had engaged with Plaintiff's lawyer, David Boies.

68. During these conversations, Boies was acting as Plaintiff's lawyer and agent, and neither he nor she consented to the recording.

69. Defendant then played and/or described excerpts from those tapes out of context to reporters and in court filings to make it appear that Boies's hypothetical comments and characterizations of Defendant's assertions represented that lawyer's conclusions. As the sworn testimony of Defendant's own lawyer and the facts set forth below demonstrate, Defendant's assertions about what Boies said are, again, false.

70. In May 2015, Defendant requested confidential settlement negotiations with Plaintiff's lawyers in which Defendant sought to convince Plaintiff's lawyers that Plaintiff was mistaken, and that the person to whom Epstein had lent Plaintiff was Nathan Myhrvold, not Defendant. Defendant claimed that from 1999–2002, he had not visited Epstein's Palm Beach home, that he had never been in the vicinity of Epstein's island, and that he had been at Epstein's New Mexico ranch only once for a few hours (with his family). Defendant provided a summary of his whereabouts during the period from 1999–2002 that purported to prove that his assertions were true.

71. Defendant was told that, based on what was shown in his travel summary, it would have been impossible for Plaintiff's assertions about him to be true, and that if his assertions proved out, Plaintiff's lawyers would undertake to convince her that she must have made a mistake.

- (a) Defendant was also told, however, (i) that his assertions would have to be proven, (ii) that Plaintiff had always been very clear that she recalled having had sex with Defendant multiple times, and (iii) that everyone was convinced that Plaintiff was telling the truth as she recalled it.
- (b) Defendant responded that he did not doubt that Plaintiff was telling the truth as she recalled it and that she would have no difficulty passing a lie detector test. He said he simply believed Plaintiff had made an honest mistake in confusing him with Nathan Myhrvold.

72. Following Defendant's presentations, Defendant's representations were investigated and repeatedly proven false.

- (a) Defendant's alleged backup for his travel summary proved to be incomplete, inconsistent, and in some instances, apparently altered.
- (b) Defendant's key claims about the frequency with which he visited Epstein's houses were proven false, including by the testimony of Epstein's household employees Mr. Alessi (*see* paragraph 57 above) and Mr. Rodriguez (*see* paragraphs 57–58 above).
- (c) Defendant's claim that Plaintiff confused him with Nathan Myhrvold was tested by showing Plaintiff pictures of both. She confirmed that it was Defendant, not Myhrvold, with whom she had sex.

- (d) Defendant's claim he had never been on Epstein's plane without his wife was proven false by plane logs.
- (e) Defendant's claim that he had never seen pictures of young females at Epstein's house was proven false by Palm Beach police and FBI reports.
- (f) Defendant's claim that he had never been in the presence of young females was proven false by the testimony of Epstein's household employee (*see* paragraphs 57–58).

73. After Defendant's claimed proof of exonerating evidence collapsed, and the evidence of his guilt grew, Plaintiff's lawyers told Defendant in writing that they "had discovered evidence inconsistent with some of [your] representations," and that his travel "records were incomplete."

74. Plaintiff's lawyer explicitly told Defendant that neither Plaintiff nor her lawyer would make any statement saying or implying that Plaintiff was mistaken in her charge that Defendant participated in her sexual trafficking and abuse.

75. Faced with the mounting evidence of his guilt, Defendant abandoned his attempt to get Plaintiff or her lawyer to concede a mistake or that Plaintiff had been wrong, and desperately sought even a suggestion that an error was "possible."

76. In December 2015, Plaintiff's lawyers again told Defendant that "Virginia is adamant about her current recollection" and that neither Plaintiff nor her lawyers believed she was mistaken in identifying Defendant as one of the men to whom Epstein had lent her out for sex. In response, Defendant did not claim that Plaintiff's lawyers had told him that they did not believe her.

77. Instead, the morning of December 9, 2015, Defendant pleaded: “David, Have we given up on a mutually acceptable statement from VR or you. Let’s keep trying. We are not that far apart.” When Plaintiff’s lawyer did not immediately respond, Defendant wrote later the same day:

We should be aiming at a short simple statement such as: “The events at issue occurred approximately 15 years ago when I was a teenager. Although I believed then and continued to believe that AD was the person with whom I had sex, recent developments raise the possibility that this may be a case of mistaken identification.”

Defendant went on to write: “It would be acceptable if the statement came from you rather than her, if she prefers.”

78. Wholly absent at this point was any assertion by Defendant that Plaintiff was lying, or that she made up her charge as part of an extortion claim, or that after investigating his alleged evidence Plaintiff’s lawyer did not believe her. On the contrary, Defendant expressly recognized that Plaintiff’s belief was an honest one. All Defendant was pleading for was an acknowledgement that there was a “possibility” that there “may be” a case of mistaken identification.

79. Defendant has played selective portions of his recordings to members of the press in an effort to persuade the public that Plaintiff’s lawyers disbelieve her. He has also made sworn representations concerning the contents of the tape to the Court. In his statements, Defendant conspicuously omits any reference to the statements by Plaintiff’s lawyers after they had investigated his representations and concluded that they were false.

80. Defendant's present PR claim that Plaintiff's lawyers disbelieved their client, and that Plaintiff intentionally lied about having sex with him as part of an extortion scheme, is just another Defendant lie. His reliance on statements from settlement negotiations that have been taken out of context, his failure to include the statements of Plaintiff's lawyer after Defendant's supposed evidence had been investigated, and the damning admissions of his own lawyer, reveal Defendant's total lack of support for his allegation that Plaintiff and her lawyers concocted knowingly false allegations against him as part of a supposed extortion plot.

81. Further belying his conspiracy theory, Defendant settled the case against him brought by Plaintiff's then-lawyers Edwards and Cassell accusing him of defamation for publishing false accusations that they conspired with Plaintiff to fabricate her claims.

82. After the settlement, Defendant told the media he had been vindicated, while at the same time insisting that the terms of the settlement remain confidential. Edwards and Cassell responded: "Following the announcement of the settlement of defamation claims against Alan Dershowitz, he has been making public statements suggesting that he has prevailed in the lawsuit and that the terms of the settlement exonerate him of any wrongdoing. Those statements are at best misleading. It is a mistake for anyone to conclude based upon Mr. Dershowitz's statements that the case against him was abandoned due to lack of factual support. It is a mistake for anyone to conclude based upon Mr. Dershowitz's statements that Bradley Edwards and Paul Cassell had determined that the allegations against Alan Dershowitz made by Virginia Roberts Giuffre were false or unfounded. Neither the terms of the settlement nor the agreed upon joint public statement issued as part of the settlement support any such conclusions, and it is false to state or suggest otherwise." Vivia Chen, *Dershowitz Settles Sex Case, But Is He Vindicated?*, THE AMERICAN LAWYER (Apr. 10, 2016), available through Lexis subscription at <https://bit.ly/3tH5TVv>.

83. Defendant continues to this day to insist that the terms of his settlement with Edwards and Cassell remain confidential—a position that can be explained only by Defendant’s knowledge that revealing how much he had paid to avoid a trial of the allegations against him would confirm his guilt.

84. As described above, Dershowitz has also repeatedly asserted that he wanted to have a trial to establish his innocence. By contrast, he settled the case that would have provided that trial (and refuses to disclose the amount paid to the plaintiffs). He even lied about his being willing to waive the statute of limitations so that Plaintiff could sue him for sex abuse—a lie almost immediately exposed when he was promptly asked to do so and refused.

COUNT I DEFAMATION

85. Plaintiff re-alleges paragraphs 1–84 as if the same were fully set forth herein. Defendant made his false and defamatory statements deliberately and maliciously with the intent to intimidate, discredit and defame Plaintiff.

86. In November 2018, and thereafter, Defendant intentionally and maliciously released to the press his false statements about Plaintiff referenced above in an attempt to destroy Plaintiff’s reputation and brand her as an extortionist and also to cause her to lose all credibility in her claims against him and her efforts to help other victims of sex trafficking.

87. Using his role as a powerful lawyer with powerful friends, Defendant’s false statements about Plaintiff, as detailed above, were published nationally and internationally for the malicious purpose of damaging Plaintiff; to destroy Plaintiff’s reputation and credibility; to cause the world to disbelieve Plaintiff’s accusations against Defendant; and to destroy Plaintiff’s efforts to use her experience to help and advocate for other sex trafficking victims.

88. Defendant, personally, intentionally, and maliciously made false and damaging statements of fact concerning Plaintiff, as detailed above, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere.

89. The false statements that Defendant made not only damaged Plaintiff's reputation and credibility, but also exposed Plaintiff to public hatred, contempt, ridicule, and disgrace.

90. At the time Defendant made his false statements about Plaintiff, he knew full well that they were completely false and defamatory.

91. Defendant's false statements about Plaintiff constitute libel and/or slander, as he knew that they were going to be transmitted in writing, widely disseminated on the internet and in print. Defendant intended his false statements about Plaintiff to be published by newspaper, television, radio, and other media outlets nationally and internationally, and they were, in fact, published globally, including within the Southern District of New York.

92. Defendant's false statements about Plaintiff, as detailed above, constitute libel per se and/or slander per se because they accuse her of crimes including perjury and extortion, and because they expose Plaintiff to public contempt, ridicule, aversion, and disgrace, and induced an evil opinion of her in the minds of right-thinking persons.

93. Defendant's false statements about Plaintiff, as detailed above, also constitute libel per se and/or slander per se, inasmuch, among other reasons, as they tended to injure Plaintiff in her professional capacity as the president of a non-profit corporation designed to help and advocate for victims of sex trafficking, and inasmuch as they destroyed her credibility and reputation among members of the community that seeks her help and that she seeks to serve.

94. Defendant's false statements about Plaintiff, as detailed above, directly implied that in speaking out against sex trafficking Plaintiff acted with fraud, dishonesty, and unfitness

for the task. Defendant's false statements about Plaintiff directly and indirectly assert that Plaintiff lied about being sexually trafficked to Defendant by Epstein and having sex with Defendant, all for the purpose of extorting money from Leslie Wexner, and that Plaintiff thus committed and conspired with her lawyers to commit the crimes of perjury and extortion. Defendant's false statements about Plaintiff were reasonably understood by many persons who read, and/or heard, and/or witnessed his statements as conveying that specific intention and meaning.

95. Defendant's false statements about Plaintiff, as detailed above, were reasonably understood by many persons who read, and/or heard, and/or witnessed those statements as making specific factual claims that Plaintiff was lying about specific facts about Defendant and that she therefore committed the crimes of perjury and extortion and conspired with her lawyers to commit those crimes.

96. Defendant intended Defendant's false statements about Plaintiff, as detailed above, to be widely published and disseminated in his book, on television and radio, through newspapers and other print media, by word of mouth, and on the internet and other electronic media. As intended by Defendant, Defendant's false statements about Plaintiff were published and disseminated around the world.

97. Defendant made his false statements about Plaintiff in reckless disregard of their truth or falsity and with malicious intent to destroy Plaintiff's reputation and credibility; to prevent her from further disseminating her life story; and to cause persons hearing or reading Plaintiff's descriptions of truthful facts about Defendant to disbelieve her entirely. Defendant knew that his defamatory statements were false and/or entertained serious doubts as to their truth when he made them. Defendant made his false statements about Plaintiff wantonly and with the

specific intent to maliciously damage Plaintiff's credibility and reputation in a way that would conceal and falsely deny his sexual abuse of Plaintiff and would destroy her efforts to administer her non-profit foundation, or share her life story, and thereby help and advocate for others who have suffered from sexual abuse.

98. As a result of Defendant's campaign to spread false, discrediting, and defamatory statements about Plaintiff, Plaintiff suffered substantial damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

99. Defendant's false statements about Plaintiff have caused, and continue to cause, Plaintiff economic damage, psychological pain and suffering, mental anguish and emotional distress, and other direct and consequential damages and losses.

100. Defendant's campaign to spread his false statements about Plaintiff nationally and internationally was unusual and particularly egregious conduct. Defendant sexually abused Plaintiff, and Defendant wantonly and maliciously set out to falsely accuse, defame, and discredit Plaintiff to deny and conceal the scope and scale of his sexual abuse of Plaintiff. In so doing, Defendant's efforts constituted a public wrong by deterring, damaging, and setting back Plaintiff's efforts to help and advocate for victims of sex trafficking. Accordingly, this is a case in which exemplary and punitive damages are appropriate.

101. Punitive and exemplary damages are necessary in this case to deter Defendant and others from wantonly and maliciously using a campaign of lies to discredit Plaintiff and other victims of sex trafficking.

COUNT II WIRETAP ACT

102. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges the allegations stated above in paragraphs 1–101 as if fully set forth herein.

103. In 2015, Defendant surreptitiously taped one or more telephone calls and/or in-person meetings between himself and Boies. At the time, Boies was acting as Plaintiff's lawyer and agent. He engaged in the conversation on Plaintiff's behalf to discuss the merits of her claims and a potential settlement. Neither he nor Plaintiff consented to Defendant recording the conversation.

104. Defendant is a "person" within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2510(6), 2511(d).

105. In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2511(1)(a), Defendant intentionally intercepted or endeavored to intercept Plaintiff's wire, oral, or electronic communications by recording telephone calls between himself and Plaintiff's agent, Boies.

106. In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2511(1)(b), Defendant intentionally used an electronic, mechanical, or other device to intercept an oral communication by Plaintiff's agent, Boies, when Defendant knew or had reason to know that such device or a component thereof was sent through the mail or transmitted in interstate or foreign commerce.

107. In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2511(1)(c) and (d), Defendant intentionally disclosed to another person and used, or endeavored to use, the contents of Plaintiff's wire, oral, or electronic communication, knowing or having reason to know that the information was obtained through an interception in violation of § 2511(1).

108. Plaintiff's communications were intercepted for the purpose of committing the criminal act of perjury or a tortious act of defamation in violation of the laws of the United States and of New York.

109. Plaintiff and her agent had a reasonable expectation that the communications would remain confidential and would not be intercepted.

110. Plaintiff and her agent did not discover that the communications had been intercepted until the interception was reported in the press in November 2018.

111. Neither Plaintiff nor her agent expressly or impliedly consented to the interception.

112. Plaintiff had a justifiable expectation that her wire, oral, or electronic communications were not subject to interception.

113. Plaintiff is a “person” whose wire, oral, or electronic communications were intercepted within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 2520.

114. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant’s actions, Plaintiff suffered injury to her reputation and her ability to vindicate her rights through the zealous representation by her counsel of choice, economic damage, psychological pain and suffering, mental anguish and emotional distress, and other direct and consequential damages and losses, and she is entitled to an award of the greater of the actual damages suffered or statutory damages pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2520(c).

115. In light of the egregious nature of Defendant’s violations, Plaintiff is entitled to punitive damages and reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2520(b)(2) & (3).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests judgment against Defendant, awarding compensatory, consequential, exemplary, and punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial, but in excess of the \$75,000 jurisdictional requirement; costs of suit; attorneys’ fees; and such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all causes of action asserted within this pleading.

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